

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING  
HELD FEBRUARY 23, 1967

Present: Dr. Wood	Mr. Barlow	Mrs. Keeney	Mr. Williams
Mr. Cooper	Canon Berry	Mr. Osborne	Mr. Jameson
Miss Voigt	Miss Duffy	Mrs. Rosenberg	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Baldwin	Mr. Leece	Mrs. Warren	Mr. Kilduff

Minutes of the last meeting were accepted as sent.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Cooper gave the Treasurer's Report which showed one month's Disbursements \$12,385.27, one month's Receipts \$12,114.14, Disbursements in Excess of Receipts \$271.13. Cash Balance \$9,695.22.

The Treasurer's Report was unanimously approved as presented.

CASE COMMITTEE REPORT

In the absence of Mr. Schein, Miss Voigt reported the Case Committee had met on February 14, and the staff headed by Mrs. Casey, presented a case illustrating the use of psychiatric consultation in the agency.

Also discussed at the Case Committee was a request from Mr. Denburg, Director of Child Guidance and Special Education of the Newark Board of Education, asking if Family Service Bureau could provide psychological testing for which the Board of Education would reimburse the agency.

The Case Committee evaluated the request from Mr. Denburg and they concurred further exploration was necessary. The Executive Director was asked to make a further study and report back to the Board at the next meeting, for decision and action on this matter.

SOCIAL ISSUES COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Leece reported on the Social Issues Committee and briefly indicated the committee concerned itself with three important issues which it felt had significance for Family Service Bureau.

First was Public Law 98-793, Narcotic Addict Rehabilitation Act of 1966, which provides that persons charged with or convicted of violating Federal Criminal laws, who are determined to be addicted to narcotics, and likely to be rehabilitated through treatment, should be civilly committed for confinement designed to effect their restoration to health and return to society.

Those ineligible for civil commitment for treatment would be those charged with a crime of violence; selling drugs; against whom there is pending a prior charge of a felony; or one who had been convicted of a felony on two or more occasions. The civil commitment would not be determined as a crime conviction.

In regard to Social Security, the committee studied the implications of the President's message on the proposed Social Security benefit increase of at

least 10%, a minimum benefit of \$100 for 25 years of coverage, liberalization of the earnings test and extension of Medicare to disabled Social Security beneficiaries under age 65.

Mr. Leece said, on January 23, the President sent his Social Security Message to Congress with the following recommendations to be effective July 1, 1967:

- a) A 20% over-all increase in Social Security payments.
- b) An increase of 50% for the 2½ million people now receiving minimum benefits - \$70 for an individual and \$105 for a married couple.
- c) An increase of at least 15% for the remaining 20.5 million beneficiaries.
- d) An increase of \$150 in the monthly minimum benefit for a retired couple with 25 years of coverage - to \$100 a month for an individual.
- e) An increase in the special benefits paid to about a million persons 72 or over who have made no Social Security contribution - from \$35 to \$50 a month for an individual; and from \$52.50 to \$75 for a couple.

To pay for this program, the President recommended a three-step increase in the amount of annual earnings credited toward benefits - to \$7,800 in 1968, to \$9,000 in 1969 and to 5% in 1973.

Finally, the committee reviewed the Demonstration Cities Program which is the heart of the government's housing program. Under it, Mr. Leece stated, up to 60 or 70 cities will be encouraged in planning a program for restoring blighted and slum areas through a coordinated use of existing programs supplemented by additional Federal technical and financial assistance. A major feature is the establishment of a five year program of FHA mortgage insurance for the development of new communities up to an aggregate insurance limit of \$250 million. Newark is making an application to be part of this Demonstration City Program.

#### BELLEVILLE REPORT

Mrs. Warren and Mrs. Keeney reported the Advisory Board of the Family Counseling Service of Belleville had met on February 21. Mrs. Casey and Mr. Cassols from the staff were present.

It was the consensus of the group that the Agreement now existing between the Family Counseling Service of Belleville and the Newark Family Service Bureau should be discussed more fully at a later meeting with Mr. Hardin and Mr. Kilduff. Some members of the Advisory Board felt some aspects of the Agreement needed legal clarification. However, all were unanimous in their praise for the existing Agreement and what it had accomplished for the Belleville area.

Some members of the Advisory Board were concerned about participation and it was Mrs. Casey's suggestion that members from Belleville could serve on committees of the Board of Family Service Bureau.

### PROJECT ENABLE

Mr. Osborne, Chairman of the Advisory Committee for Project ENABLE reported at a meeting of the United Community Corporation Board of Trustees, held at the Queen of Angels Church on Thursday, February 16, which more than 250 attended, the United Community Corporation approved the extension of Project ENABLE for two months. He explained the meeting was quite hectic and those in attendance were quite outspoken about the problems existing in Newark. However, it was his feeling that Project ENABLE had accomplished a great deal in the areas in which they have led Parent Discussion Groups, and the people living within these areas were cognizant of the work that had been done.

### NEWARK NEWS CHRISTMAS FUND

At the request of Mr. Hardin at the last Board meeting in which he asked how much was actually donated to specific cases, the Executive Secretary assumed the responsibility of reporting back to the Board at the February meeting.

Recently when the Newark News sent to the Newark agency its final check which brought the total allocated to \$6,392.00 and the total allocated to Belleville agency \$3,962.00, for a grand total of \$10,354.00, they enclosed a list of specific cases to which money had been designated. They were Cases 5, 9, 28, 71, 74, 128 and 153. All belonged to the Newark agency for a total amount of \$231.50. Other cases were listed, but in pursuing the records, they did not belong to either Newark Family Service Bureau or Family Counseling Service of Belleville.

The Board of Trustees were also informed the Family Service Bureau when it is asked to submit cases to the Newark News Christmas Fund always ends its case by saying "Will you help us to carry on our counseling work with this family."

It was the consensus of the Board of Trustees if this sentence is part of the written case, then people who donate to a specific case are giving it for counseling service.

Mr. Osborne proposed the Executive Secretary contact the officials of the Newark News and discuss the feasibility of noting in such publicity of these stories at the beginning of the Appeals in November that funds are allocated to participating agencies such as ours to help them continue their work.

It was seconded by Mr. Leese and unanimously approved by the Board.

### ANNUAL MEETING

It was suggested by the Executive Secretary that the Annual Meeting be in the form of a Board-Staff Meeting, to which the wives of Board members and staff be invited to attend, with the proper newspaper publicity. It was the Executive Secretary's feeling the Board should become acquainted with the various project teams now operating under the aegis of the Family Service Bureau, and this change in format for this year in the Annual Meeting will provide the opportunity for these teams to report directly to the Board on their involvement in these projects during the past year.

Dr. Wood felt Family Service Bureau should invite Judge Harry Lindeman, since the agency now has a court consultant assigned to his court.

The Board felt this would be an excellent type of Annual Meeting and were in unanimous agreement that it be held.

It was suggested also the Annual Meeting be held in April this year rather than in May. Plans will get underway immediately.

Next meeting of the Board of Trustees will take place on the last Thursday of the month (5th Thursday) March 30th at 5:45 p.m. at the Robert Treat.

Edward V. Kilduff  
Executive Secretary